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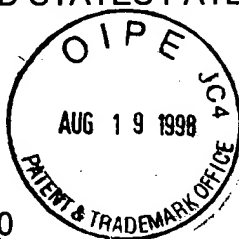
In re the application of:

JOSEL et al.

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For: OLIGOMERIC CARRIER MOLECULES WITH DEFINED INCORPORATED
MARKER GROUPS AND HAPTEN



Group Art Unit: 1648

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 19, 1998

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 1998, please amend the
above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 60 as follows.

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60. (Once Amended) A process for producing a conjugate comprising a
polymer carrier having a maximum of 100 monomeric units which contains 1-10 hapten
molecules and 1-10 marker groups or solid phase binding groups which are coupled to
reactive side groups at predetermined positions on the polymeric carrier, wherein the
monomeric units are selected from at least one of nucleotides, nucleotide analogues,
amino acids and peptide nucleic acids, the process comprising synthesizing the polymeric